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LARA SMITH IS NOW PRISONER

RENDERS TO OFFICERS IN JUAZUEZ AND IS IN CUSTODY OF ARDMORE OFFICERS THUS ENDING LONG SEARCH.

Miss Barton Smith, wanted in Ardmore, Okla., in connection with the shooting of Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma millionaire, arrived at 6:45 at Juarez, Mexico, Wednesday and immediately was taken into custody by Sheriff Buck Garrett of Ardmore, who arrived on the border an hour before.

After Miss Smith stepped off the train, which came from Chihuahua, she rushed to Sheriff Garrett, took hands with him cordially and exclaimed, "Mr. Garrett, I am so glad to see you".

The Sheriff then conducted Miss Smith to an automobile and the party peace officers and attorneys drove in the direction of the home of Mrs. L. Smith, the woman's father.

Miss Smith's uncle, accompanied her back to the American side of the border. When the party headed by Sheriff Garrett reached El Paso late today they were met at the station by a number of newspaper men. Both the Sheriff and the lawyers refused to make out a statement at the time and readily entered a service car and

PEDESTRIAN STRUCK BY AUTO MONDAY NIGHT

E. L. Stinson is Run Down by Auto At Corner of Evergreen Street And Third Avenue Monday

About 8 o'clock Monday night E. L. Stinson, while crossing the street at the corner of Evergreen street and Third Avenue was struck by a car driven by Claude Nicholson, an employee of the Strickland Grocery.

No one seems to be particularly to blame for the accident; it was raining at the time and neither the driver nor Mr. Stinson saw the other until the car struck him.

Mr. Stinson was "side-swiped" by the car as it skidded slightly in turning a corner. He was knocked down and in addition to having three ribs broken was severely cut about the head and face.

Mr. Nicholson took Mr. Stinson to Dr. Clinton's office where his wounds were dressed and at last accounts the injured man was getting along as well as could be expected, although it will be some little time before he is fully recovered, unless complications arise he will eventually be "as good as new."

Tuberculosis Christmas Seal sales will make it possible to employ nurses to care for Oklahoma's sick. Buy the seals freely.

drove away. The newspaper men took another machine and a lively pursuit began, lasting more than an hour and ending at the passenger station in Juarez.

Hamon was shot at the hotel in Ardmore Sunday, Nov. 21. He walked to the hospital, where he said that a gun he had been cleaning was accidentally discharged. He died Nov. 26.

HOW DURANT WILL CELEBRATE THE JOYFUL SEASON OF CHRISTMAS TIME

CHRISTMAS TREES AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AT NEARLY ALL THE CHURCHES ASSURE A GOOD TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND FOR THE GROWN-UPS WHO REMEMBER THAT THEY WERE CHILDREN ONCE.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS (Luke 11:7-14)

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy; which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men.

Practically all of the Durant churches will have Christmas trees and Christmas exercises. Commencing Thursday evening and continuing until Sunday there will be an almost continuous round of Christmas festivities. The Sunday School of the First Presbyterian church will have their tree Thursday night with a program prepared by the Society of Christian Endeavor. Friday night the Baptist people will have their Christmas tree and an excellent program has been prepared for the occasion. The South Side Methodist church will also have their Christmas program and tree Friday night, as will also the East Presbyterian church. The First Methodist church will have their tree (for the primary class only) Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Following are the programs of several of the churches, such programs as are omitted it has been impossible to obtain.

Baptist Christmas Program

Friday Night

Song—Joy to the World.
Prayer—Little Mel Morrow.
Story of Christmas—Mrs. Green.
Solo—Silent Night—Marie Dennis.
Reading—Dolly Moore.
Shine Out Blessed Star—Song by Primary Department, S. S.
Lullaby—Edwin Hatchett.
Reading—Marice Vaughn.
Duet—Dear Little Stranger—Margaret Frederickson and Dorcas England.
Reading—Frank Fuller.
Jingle—Sung by Girls Choir.
Christmas Dialogue.

Methodist Church Program

The program at the Methodist church will be presented Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at which time the Christmas tree will be held.

Doxology—Congregation Standing.

Apostles' Creed.

Prayer—W. F. Tyree.

Hymn—Joy to the World.

Musical Number—Harrel Children.

Quartet—Angel Song—Fearis-

Mary Gray, Mildred Bates, Willard

Dyer, Jennie Louise Hindman.

Reading—The Twilight Bell—Ly-

ton Cox—Mrs. J. R. Hannah.

Solo—Christmas Song—Adams—

Stella Reynolds.

Offertory—Irene Pendleton.

Address—Rev. O. C. Fontaine.

Duet—Ruth and Mildred Goodman.

Hymn—Silent Night—Benediction.

Services At The Catholic Church,

Corner First Ave. and Cedar St.

Christmas eve services at Midnight;

appropriate songs will be sung and a

sermon preached during those mid-

night services. Christmas day, Masses

will be said at 9 and 10 o'clock in the

morning.

Everybody most kindly invited, es-

pecially for the midnight services at

Christmas Eve.

A special and kind invitation is ex-

tended to non-catholics who usually

attend in good number these midnight

services.

Whilst many spend this most solemn

night in having a good time, it is most

fitting that some should concentrate

their thoughts upon the Babe of Beth-

lehem.

The Church will be open at 11

o'clock Friday night, so as to give the

early comers a chance of getting good

seats.

Rev. S. L. Wiersma, Pastor.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Organ Prelude.

Hymn 58—Verses 1-2-3-4.

Christmas Prayer—Frances Steger.

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PRELIMINARY HEARING IN FATAL WHISKY CASE

Those Charged With the Furnishing Of The Drink Which Killed Aldridge Are On Trial.

As the forms of this paper are closed the preliminary hearing of those charged with having a hand in the furnishing of the liquor which proved fatal to Edgar Aldridge when he drank of it Sunday night, December 12, is going on before Justice of the Peace Archibald in the District Court room.

John Robnett, Edgar Smith and Ed McAlester are charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Aldridge while George Carpenter is charged with illicit distilling, it being alleged that he was interested in the still where the fatal concoction was made. The manslaughter cases are on trial as we go to press.

There is much interest in the case and many are in attendance at the trial.

BUT HARDING HASN'T QUIT

Miss Lucy Page Gaston, of Chicago, superintendent of the International Anti-Cigarette League and now in Topeka working in the interest of the organization, announced Sunday that she had sent a letter to President-elect Harding asking him to not use cigarettes.

WILL SPEAK AT COLBERT

N. T. McAllister will address the farmers of Colbert next Wednesday, December 29th, on the Oklahoma Cotton Warehouse Association, speaking at 2 o'clock p. m.

Everybody is urged to hear this lecture.

OSAGE TAX MAY NET TWO MILLION

IF PROPOSED BILL BECOMES A LAW STATE WILL BE ENRICHED BY \$2,000,000 PASSAGE OF LAW PROBABLE.

Agreement of Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, chairman of the United States senate committee on Indian affairs, to the assessment of gross production taxes on oil from Osage restricted oil lands, was announced in a telegram received Wednesday by Governor Robertson. A bill embodying that feature and extension of restrictions over a period of twenty-five years ending in 1956, will be recommended for early passage by the committee.

Basing his estimates on the production of the Osage field during the past year, Governor Robertson predicted that the measure will increase the income of the state by approximately \$2,000,000 a year.

Provisions of the bill are that gross production taxes of 3 per cent are to be paid by operators on their share of the oil gotten from Osage leases to the state treasurer.

Another important victory gained by the state in the agreement is that the government will pay a gross production tax of 3 per cent on the bridge fund of Osage county. It is estimated that that feature will give the county approximately \$750,000 a year to be expended for the improvement of its highways.

State officials were jubilant over the

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READ THIS

We wish to call your Attention to our big

Between Season Sale

Advertisement on Page 3

We intend to close out all our Winter Goods in two weeks time

The Prices Quoted will show you that we mean BUSINESS

Herndon-Whitaker Company
at Brown & Co's Old Location—Durant



Mary and Lucy and Tommy and Johnnie are learning a great many other things fast, too.

Mary Learns Faster Than any Child I ever Saw.

How the fond Mother and Dad swell up with pride while they show off their bright "offspring" when "Company comes". To many times Dad fails to realize his "bright youngsters" learn to say

"charge it" before they learn their A. B. C's. One writer says:—"It's getting so these days children learn to honk an automobile horn before they learn to blow their nose.

Why Not Start The New Year Right? Teach the children thrift, teach them that buying on credit keeps Dad's nose on the grindstone. During 1921 try paying Cash, Pay Less, and pay as you go.

W. E. STRICKLAND

—PRUNE PEDDLER—

P. S. When you think of grocery prices, just remember the "Old Reliable Prune Shop" on North Second Avenue.

DURANT Mercantile Co

GOOD THINGS TO WEAR

A Store With Your Kind of a Christmas Spirit

Your kind, because in quality, variety and attractiveness we present a collection of unusually good values in—

PRACTICAL GIFTS

in which all previous efforts are excellent. Gifts that will be welcomed many home-gifts that will gladden the heart of any of your friends.

Practical Hints to Gift Seekers

FOR MEN OR BOYS

Bath Robes
Collar Bags
Silk Shirts
Traveling Bags
Fur Collars
Fur Caps
Handkerchiefs
Dress Gloves
Auto Gloves
Knitted Silk Tie
Box of Sox
Toilet Sets
Felt Slippers
Pajamas
Cuff Buttons
Stick Pin
Collar Pin
Umbrella
Belts
Belt Buckle
Suit Case
Silk Mufflers

FOR LADIES AND GIRLS

Furs
Gloves
Purses
Wardrobe Trunks
Silk Hose
Silk Underwear
Silk Blouses
Kimono
Ivory Sets
Silk Petticoats
Corsage Flowers
Electric Vibrators
Linen Napkins
Counterpanes
Bath Robes
Parasols
Wool Hose
Handkerchiefs
Children's Furs
Fancy Veils
Lisle Hose
Traveling Bags

—Open Nights Until Christmas—